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METHOD AND FEED DEVICE FOR EFFECTING THE ADVANCE

MOVEMENT OF AT LEAST ONE TOOL SUPPORT THAT ROTATES

AROUND A ROTATIONALLY SYMMETRICAL PART

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Applicants offer the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability (dated April 15, 2004).

The Reasons for Allowance incorrectly paraphrase claim 1. For example, claim 1 does not indicate that the support motor is capable of being driven "in time with the main motor." At least in this regard, the Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not in any way effect claim 1 as this claim should be construed only based upon limitations present therein.

Applicant respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable because of the features recites therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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